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## States Gather with U.S. EPA to Develop Digital Strategy and Architecture Plan



Representatives of E-Enterprise for the Environment held a workshop January 30-31 at the ECOS offices in Washington DC to develop content for a Digital Strategy and Architecture Plan.

Representatives of state environmental agencies in Colorado, Iowa, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Wyoming joined colleagues from U.S. EPA and tribal environmental agencies for two productive days of brainstorming and planning.

E-Enterprise for the Environment is designing the plan to help regulators deploy transformative technologies to deliver more efficient services and improved environmental protection. Ultimately, the plan will provide a roadmap to help agencies make more coordinated investments in information technology that will enhance interoperability and open up new opportunities to share services and information.

Stay tuned for more details on the strategy at the ECOS Spring Meeting! [Rakouskas]

## U.S. EPA's Wheeler Confirms Participation in ECOS Spring Meeting

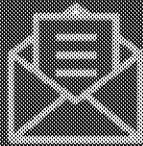
## ***For Best Rates, Register for Meeting and Reserve Hotel Now***



ECOS this week issued a [new draft agenda](#) for our action-packed **April 8-10** Spring Meeting in Crystal City, Virginia. U.S. EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler has formally accepted our invitation to speak on the state-federal relationship and his priorities for the agency. Other confirmed speakers are Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) and Department of Defense Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment Maureen Sullivan. EPW Member John Boozman (R-AR) and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam are also invited.

[Register](#) today for a firsthand look at *Partnership in Action: Advancing Collaboration, Certainty, & Confidence!* Having secured a seat at the table through the ECOS Cooperative Federalism 2.0 initiative, states now are working with U.S. EPA and other federal partners to deepen shared decision-making, shared problem-solving, and shared programmatic development. In the spirit of collaboration, the gathering also will include a dinner reception at the Canadian Embassy.

See more meeting information, including sponsorship opportunities, [here](#). Register by **March 1** to take advantage of the early bird rate, and reserve at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel while supply lasts to secure the special ECOS rates of \$251 and \$269. [Parisien]



## **ECOS Offices Have Moved!**

We've arrived! Yesterday the ECOS offices moved from Capitol Hill to a location near U.S. EPA. Please jot down the new ECOS address for mailing purposes or to stop by and visit our brand new space:

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## State News You Can Use

[New Mexico Issues Executive Order on Climate, Touts Role in ECOS SGC](#)

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[Missouri Hosts Shark Tank Competition](#)

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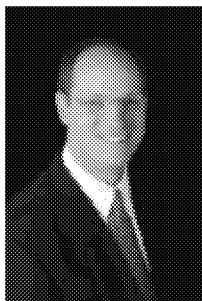
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## E-Enterprise for the Environment

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**Wyoming, North Carolina, and Maine Assume Leadership Roles on CAER Teams**



E-Enterprise for Environment is pleased to announce that ECOS Past President Todd Parfitt of Wyoming will serve as Co-Chair of the Combined Air Emissions Reporting (CAER) Team, working alongside Marc Houyoux of U.S. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS). Parfitt is also a member of the E-Enterprise Leadership Council.

In addition, Tammy Manning of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Air and Stacy Knapp of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Air Bureau have joined *Todd Parfitt*

the CAER Product Design Team as state Co-Chairs alongside Julia Gamas of OAQPS. [Poole]

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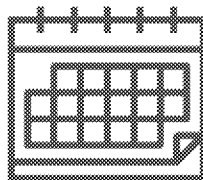
## Career Opportunities

### Wisconsin Seeks Technical Program Coordinator for Emerging Contaminants

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Remediation and Redevelopment Program seeks a Technical Program Coordinator – Emerging Contaminants. The purpose of this position is to provide leadership in the development of statewide science-related initiatives, particularly related to emerging contaminants including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The ideal candidate must have detailed knowledge of geology and hydrogeology, chemistry, soil science, remedial system design, and biology related to environmental remediation.

Applications are due **February 12**. Please see the [job announcement](#) for additional information. [MacCartney]

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## Upcoming Events

### Webinars

#### IMERC on Mercury-Added Products

The [Interstate Mercury Education & Reduction Clearinghouse](#) will host a free webinar on **February 5 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern** to review analysis of the latest mercury-added product data reported through its e-filing system. The webinar will center on the latest on mercury use in major product categories.

Register [here](#). [Hanson]

#### ITRC on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment on **February 7 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

Regulatory project managers and decision makers may not have specific guidance when alternative approaches, scenarios, and parameters are proposed for site-specific risk assessments, and are faced with difficult technical issues when evaluating these site-specific risk assessments. This training course and [associated guidance document](#) are

resources for evaluating alternatives.

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

## U.S. EPA on PFAS

U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development will host its small systems monthly webinar on **February 26 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern** to discuss treatment technologies for removing chemicals of concern, specifically per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, cyanotoxins, perchlorate, and 1,4 dioxane. The webinar was previously scheduled for January 29 but was moved due to the government shutdown. If you registered for the January 29 webinar, you do not need to register again.

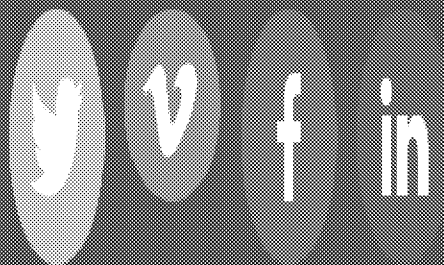
More information on the webinar is available [here](#). [Longworth]

## U.S. EPA on CMAQ Modeling

U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development will host a tools and resources webinar on **February 27 at 3-4 p.m. Eastern** (rescheduled from January 16) on recent enhancements to the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) Modeling System. CMAQ is a comprehensive state-of-the-science air pollution modeling system used worldwide to study air pollution issues and guide development of abatement strategies. States and EPA have used the system for more than two decades. CMAQ is regularly updated to incorporate knowledge on the state of the science and more effectively characterize air quality. The latest version, CMAQv5.3, is slated for release this summer.

To join the webinar, please register [here](#). If you are unable to listen through your computer speakers, dial (866) 299-3188 and enter access code 202-564-6669. Contact [Lisa Matthews](#) of U.S. EPA for more information or [Amy Scheuer](#) with registration questions. [Parisien]





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